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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT

1. ACTING FOREIGN SECRETARY CHOUDHURY CALLED ME IN THIS MORNING (MAY 15) TO PRESENT ME WITH A REQUEST FOR THE AGREEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE APPOINTMENT OF FOREIGN SECRETARY TABARAK HUSAIN TO BE AMBASSADOR OF BANGLADESH TO THE UNITED STATES.

2. CHOUDHURY PARTICULARLY ASKED THAT THIS REQUEST BE KEPT QUITE CONFIDENTIAL. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY IS ENGAGED IN IMPORTANT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF BURMA REGARDING THE REFUGEE SITUATION AND THE BDG FEARS HIS POSITION MIGHT BE WEAKENED IF IT WERE KNOWN THAT HE WAS SOON TO LEAVE THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. KNOWLEDGE IN MFA HAS BEEN KEPT TO A FEW SENIOR OFFICERS. (MFA'S NOTE WAS TYPED BY AN OFFICER.) THE BANGLADESH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IS NOT REPEAT NOT AWARE OF THIS NOMINATION AND MFA REQUESTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT NOT RPT NOT DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH THEIR EMBASSY. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY HIMSELF REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY WHEN I CONGRATULATED HIM ON HIS CONFIDENTIAL

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NOMINATION LATER IN THE DAY.

3. CHOUDHURY SAID THAT AMBASSADOR SIDDIQI WILL LEAVE WASHINGTON ON AUGUST 1 AND THE FOREIGN SECRETARY WILL SUCCEED HIM SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

4. THE TEXT OF MFA'S NOTE AND ATTACHED BIO DATA ARE

AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS
ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA, AND HAS THE HONOUR TO STATE THAT IT HAS BEEN
DECIDED TO RECALL MR. M.R. SIDDIQI, AMBASSADOR OF
BANGLADESH IN WASHINGTON, ON THE EXPIRY OF HIS CONTRACT
OF SERVICE ON 1ST AUGUST, 1978. IT HAS FURTHER BEEN DE-
CIDED TO APPOINT MR. TABARAK HUSAIN, AT PRESENT SECRETARY,
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AS AMBASSADOR OF BANGLADESH
TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THE MINISTRY WOULD REQUEST THAT THE AGREEMENT OF
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MAY KINDLY
BE COMMUNICATED TO IT AT AN EARLY DATE. THE BIO-DATA
OF MR. HUSAIN IS ENCLOSED HEREWITH. END QUOTE

BIO DATA

QUOTE BORN ON APRIL 6, 1924.

DID GRADUATION WITH HONOURS AND MASTERS' DEGREE
IN ECONOMICS, UNIVERSITY OF DACCA.

DID A POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA COURSE IN INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS FROM THE SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS, UNIVERSITY OF
LONDON IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

JOINED THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF PAKISTAN ON THE
BASIS OF COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION IN 1949.

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SERVED IN OVERSEAS DIPLOMATIC POSTS IN THE HAGUE,
BANGKOK, NEW DELHI AND LONDON.
APPOINTED DIRECTOR-GENERAL IN THE PAKISTAN MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN 1968.

HAS PARTICIPATED AS LEADER AND MEMBER OF COUNTRY'S
DELEGATIONS IN VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES.
WAS APPOINTED FOREIGN SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT OF
BANGLADESH IN NOVEMBER, 1975.

MARRIED WITH THREE CHILDREN. END QUOTE.

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